



Jennifer Siegel, assistant professor of history at The Ohio State University, asks Lisa Blaydes a question during her presentation.



Lisa Blaydes is an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science at Stanford University. She is also an affiliated faculty member of the Center for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law at Stanford, and an academy scholar at the Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies. She spoke at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies on Tuesday, May 3, 2011.



Lisa Blaydes spoke as part of Bill Liddle's Seminar Series on Islam and Democracy. Her talk title was "The Feudal Revolution and Europe's Rise: Institutional Divergence in the Muslim and Christian Worlds before 1500 CE.".



Over 50 people came to listen to Lisa Blaydes speak about the contrasts between the development of Europe and the Islamic world, specifically looking at Egypt. This event was co-sponsored by Honors and Scholars, Department of Political Science, Middle East Studies Center, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, and Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures.



During her talk, Lisa Blaydes, assistant professor in the Department of Political Science at Stanford University, highlighted how the differences in military recruitment in Europe and the Islamic world ended up impacting the state-society relations. She points out that Western Europe and the Islamic world diverged politically before they diverged economically.